

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON ELECTIONS

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COMMENTS FOR: HB 3341

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Kirk Pate

Self

Flatonia, TX

This tabulation supervisor in Fayette County would never countenance having a video recording of the operations of the central counting station scanner. The principal reason is that I would never want a recording of the numerous times that scanner security codes are entered via a touch screen during the ballot scanning process. If there was a single instance of the public release of such a video, then security of the ballot scanning process would be totally undermined.

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shawn flanagan

self/retired

corpus christi, TX

Please vote yes. This will help improve election integrity in the future.

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Charles Wiley

Self

Alice, TX

Please Vote yes! I absolutely believe that taking videos of ballot counting would ensure Election Integrity.

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Kathryn Gordon

Self

Corpus Christi, TX

Yes

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Larry Ringler

Self

Portland, TX

Vote YES to help ensure voting integrity by taking videos of ballot counting.

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Jessie Carlson

self

Corpus Chrsiti, TX

Vote yes. Taking videos of ballot counting would ensure Election Integrity.

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Amanda Friedeck, Mrs.

Silver Star Food Stores/BRANDS Marketing Group, LLC

ALICE, TX

I, Amanda Sue Friedeck (Jim Wells County ) am in favor of HB 3341. This is so that our elections are transparent, accountable and fair.

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John Strawther

self

HURST, TX

Aside from major privacy concerns, this grants too much discretionary power to an election judge, including judging whether or not a document is fake, which is a heavy accusation.

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Kimberly Bridges Young

self

Crp Christi, TX

Vote yes!

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Kathy Turner

self, retired

McGregor, TX

I support the idea of video recording ballot counting. I would like to see the population ranges changed, and there be five pilots of three counties in each. The first counties with population above 500,000. The second counties with a population of 200,000 to 500,000. The third counties with a population of 100,000 to 200,000. The fourth 10,000 to 100,000. The final less than 10,000. This way all county sizes would be represented in the pilot. And the counties to participate in each population group should consist of one county that volunteers to participate and one that does not. This would increase the chances of having more diversity of counties participating. And add a retention requirement and a requirement to forward the recordings to the Legislature or Sec of State. Perhaps consider having the recordings posted online by the county, and/or broadcast live. Please consider these changes, thank you.

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Joy Cunningham

self/writer

Austin, TX

I oppose this bill because it is dangerously poorly worded. It states that "counties" shall participate, but of course counties can't record things. I'm assuming you mean people from these counties. Who are these people from these six counties who will be chosen? What will be the basis of their selection? What prevents these people from being party hacks ready and willing to make the final ballot count be what the secretary of state prefers it to be? Why not stipulate 12 people from 6 counties, 6 of whom are

from each party? You claim to be passing legislation to prevent voter fraud. HB 3341 is just another way to steal an election, based on the big lie that the 2020 election was stolen. Shame on you.

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Monica Carson

self

Bastrop, TX

Please support this bill that authorizes a pilot program for video recording and ballot counting.

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Cissy Sanders

Self

Austin, TX

I OPPOSE HB 3341.

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Bonnie Seelig

Self Retired

Spicewood, TX

Testing a program is good.

However, recording the activities at the counting stations should have been tested years ago when the reports of possible fraud had been reported. When poll watchers are prevented from "seeing" or "hearing" what is going on - at the polls or at the counting stations or at the ballot board - there is no reason to believe "all is well."

Those elected officials who were voted into office to represent the citizens of TX were not given that responsibility so that they could close their eyes and ears and pretend everything was OK. Once that happens, you are no longer friend of the voter, but of the fraudsters.

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Sandra Stokes

Self Retired

Smithville, TX

The pilot program for video recording would certainly be needed to find out the cost and if the program would work.

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Keena Miller

self/education

Austin, TX

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JoAnn Fleming, Executive Director

Grassroots America - We the People PAC

Flint, TX

JoAnn Fleming, Executive Director, Grassroots America - We the People PAC, speaking for the organization:

Grassroots America strongly supports HB 3341 by Swanson.

We believe a pilot program for video recording ballot counting station activity implemented by the Secretary of State is a strong start toward increasing transparency along the entire voting process. The more transparency, the greater the accountability. We believe this is a good faith start in restoring public confidence in the integrity of our elections.

We urge the House Public Affairs Committee to pass this bill out of committee.

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